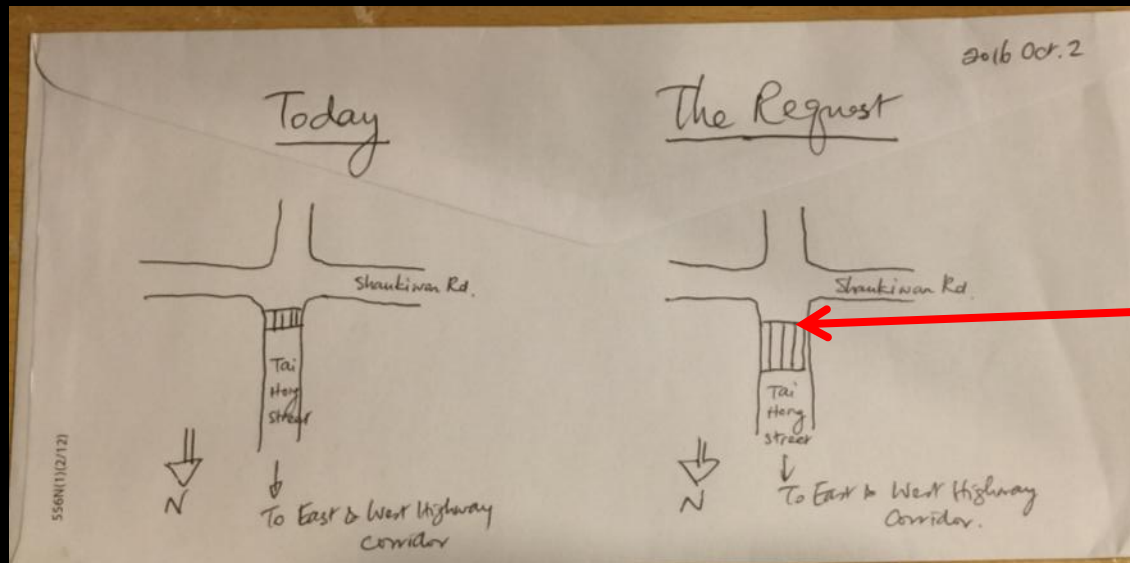


The Request

To widen the Zebra crossing at the junction of Shaukiwan Road and
Tai Hong Street (north side of Shaukiwan Road) and
To shift the crossing away from the junction

FOR THE SAFETY of the pedestrians waiting to cross Tai Hong Street



Widen zebra crossing

Move crossing further north

Background and Rationale for the Request

Purpose of Tai Hong Street changed dramatically over the decades from a local “cul-de-sac” to a main artery for heavy vehicle traffic; yet the street width remains the same and the afore-mentioned junction becomes highly accident-prone

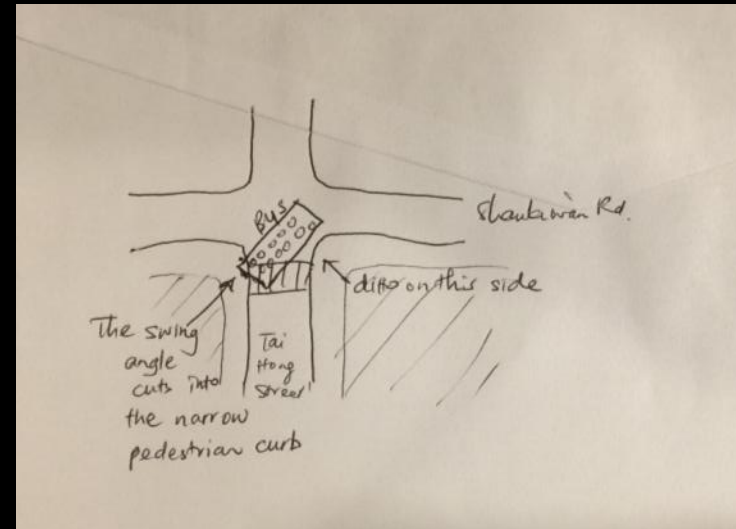
- The north end of Tai Hong Street used to be the waterfront in the 60s. The street was designed as an access way for the residents of the Tai Koo Dockyard quarters to enter their residences from the waterfront side.
- As decades went by, the waterfront was turned into more reclaimed sites for large residential estates and East and West highways were built along the waterfront corridor.
- Tai Hong Street is no more a local access street but a main artery for traffic going from Shaukiwan Road to the highways East and West along the waterfront corridor; and to the residential estates near the now waterfront.
- Buses have also “grown” longer and they require a BIG swing to turn the corner from Shaukiwan Road into Tai Hong Street, many a times cutting into the narrow pedestrian curbs on both sides of Tai Hong Street. This creates an extremely hazardous condition for people waiting to cross Tai Hong Street, many of whom are elders who move slowly or who are on wheelchairs.

Ramifications if zebra crossing not widened and shifted north

- Higher traffic incidents
- More unnecessary deaths or fatalities which can be pre-empted

Proposed solution

- Widen the zebra crossing to double its current width
- Move the crossing further north of Tai Hong Street so people won't be standing at the angle where the large vehicles swing into the pedestrian curbs



A photograph of a busy street intersection in Hong Kong. The scene is captured from a low angle on the street, looking towards the intersection. In the foreground, there are yellow-painted pedestrian crossing stripes on the asphalt. A group of pedestrians is gathered on the right side of the frame, waiting to cross. The background is filled with multi-story buildings. On the left, a building has a red cross sign and a sign for '世紀 21' (Century 21). In the center, a sign for '佳寶食品超級市場' (Kai Pao Food Supermarket) is visible. On the right, there are several commercial signs, including a large red sign for '熊藝設計裝飾' (Xiong Yi Design & Decoration) with the phone number '2886 8801', and a sign for 'Telecom Digital' (電訊數碼). The text 'The junction', 'The pedestrian crossing', and 'The narrow curbs' is overlaid in large, white, outlined font across the center of the image.

The junction The pedestrian crossing The narrow curbs

Shaukiwan Road
Tai Hong Street on the north side



Look at the 'swing'
and



Two lanes turning in parallel!




Long buses from all sides
and
turning at 45 degrees



High traffic crossing

Look at the immobile
and the babies

A photograph of a busy street intersection in Hong Kong. In the background, there are several tall, multi-story residential buildings with many windows and balconies. Some balconies have laundry hanging on them. In the foreground, a black Volkswagen Golf is driving towards the camera. To its left, a white ambulance with the number A543 is also visible. A group of pedestrians is standing on the sidewalk on the left. A yellow arrow points to the curb area. Large text is overlaid on the image.

Review and redesign of
width and locale
of zebra crossing
is imminent

See the curb is only two deep!

Thank you